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added.)

First, there is no mention of returning the kit when the patient visits the physician. Returning the medical pack or kit to the physician as claimed can be an important advantage in overcoming the problem of patient compliance with a course of treatment as discussed in the Background of the Invention, page 1, lines 16-25 of the application. As indicated on page 3, lines 25-28, returning the medical pack can be an important indication of patient compliance. In contrast, the portion of Allen et al reproduced above, not only does not suggest that the kit be returned but further suggests that it may not be necessary to even see the physician. As a result, to the extent that Allen et al is relevant to Claims 1-5, it teaches away from the claimed invention and in particular to Claim 5 which calls for the medical pack to be evaluated by the doctor and the patient.

Regarding Claims 6-13, Allen et al does not disclose or even suggest the concept of identifying a plurality of medical conditions, specifying treatments for the plurality of medical conditions each having a predetermined time period and then assembling specialized medical packs with supplies and medications for treating these plurality of conditions for the predetermined time periods. Allen et al only discloses one type of kit that can be used in treating fixation pin sites and there is no mention of the claimed step of developing medical packs for a plurality of medical conditions. Moreover, Allen et al contains no suggestion that such packs be designed to treat different medical conditions for predetermined times where the medical packs would have the appropriate supplies and medications to treat the different conditions for those predetermined times. Therefore, Allen et al does not anticipate or even make obvious the subject matter of Claims 6-13.

In summary, the claimed methods provide substantial advantages over prior art medical packs in that the methods, Claims 1-5, can result in increased compliance with a course of treatment prescribed by a physician and, in addition, can result in substantial efficiencies, Claims 6-13, in allowing physicians to save time in treating a variety of medical conditions as described in detail on page 4, lines 20-31 of the

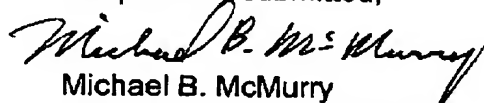
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application.

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It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the application issue to Letters Patent with Claims 1-13 forming a part thereof.

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